

STUDENT SENATE BILL 2024-1124

TITLE: Resolution Promoting Increased Awareness On Upcoming Campus Events

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SPONSOR(S):

WHEREAS, the SG website states that “ACCENT Speakers Bureau is the largest student-run speakers bureau in the nation. It has been part of the campus for over 40 years and has provided the University of Florida with a plethora of big names, including past Presidents, Prime Ministers, media moguls, business leaders, and sports legends” [1]; and,

WHEREAS, the SG website also states “ACCENT strives to educate the student body, outside of the classroom, on current hot topics and controversies by bringing influential, insightful, and sometimes controversial speakers to the university” [1]; and,

WHEREAS, as a student government agency, “ACCENT sponsors many of its shows, but also co-sponsors with many student groups. This position is also responsible for administering the “Let Students Choose” program, which allows students to vote on potential acts for future semesters” [1]; and,

WHEREAS, “Section 4 of the University of Florida Student Body Constitution states “Student Government nor any organization that receives funds shall not discriminate on the basis of race, creed, color, religion, age, disability, sex, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, marital status, national origin, political opinions or affiliations, veteran status or any other classification as provided by law” [2]; then,

THEREFORE, LET IT BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes a need in increasing the professional, racial, and ethnic backgrounds of ACCENT speakers, inviting STEM-related and diverse speakers to campus


THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate urges student government, ACCENT speakers, and the “Let Students Choose” program to further providing students with speakers of diverse backgrounds, including those STEM-related.

THEREFORE, LET IT FURTHER BE RESOLVED that the University of Florida Student Senate recognizes the importance and need of increasing diversity, fostering an environment of inclusivity, and combating discrimination.

Proviso: A copy of this resolution shall be sent to University of Florida President Ben Sasse, Provost J. Scott Angle, Student Body President Olivia Green, Accent Speakers Bureau Chairman Sam Hendler, and Accent Speakers Bureau Chief of Staff Sean Harkins.

[1] <https://sg.ufl.edu/branches/executive/agencies/>

[2] <https://sg.ufl.edu/wp-content/uploads/2019/12/Constitution-as-of-2016.pdf>



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